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MUNICH PLEASE PASS TO US ARMY RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, GARMISCH

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UR, US, MPOL
SUBJECT: USA RUSSIAN INSTITUTE TRAVEL TO USSR

REF: MOSCOW 0861

1. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED ON 16 FEB. BY L. V. SKRYABIN, FIRST SECRETARY, CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION, MFA THAT QUOTE THE COMPETENT ORGANS OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAVE DEEMED IT NECESSARY TO REFUSE FOR THE PRESENT TIME THE VISAS FOR THE PERSONS LISTED IN THE NOTE UNQUOTE. NOTE MENTIONED WAS THAT SENT TO MFA ON 7 FEB. REQUESTING VISAS FOR 6 GARMISCH STUDENTS TO VISIT AMEMB FROM 19 TO 26 FEB. NOTE STATED THAT THE TRAVELLERS WERE "ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS FOR THE US GOVERNMENT AT THE EMBASSY".

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE LATEST SOVIET REFUSAL IN A
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SERIES OF REQUESTS BY THE US ARMY RUSSIAN INSTITUTE TO HAVE ITS STUDENTS VISIT THE SOVIET UNION. OF SIGNIFICANCE IS THE FACT THAT THE LATEST TURNDOWN INVOLVED A GROUP THAT WAS TRAVELLING IN A TDY STATUS ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

3. EMBASSY PLANS TO DELIVER NOTE TO MFA ON 17 FEB.

REQUESTING VISAS FOR THE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED SECOND
GROUP OF STUDENTS TO VISIT MOSCOW FROM 26 FEB. TO 5 MAR.,
ALSO ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

4. FOR DEPARTMENT. REQUEST THAT EUR/SOV AGAIN RAISE
THE ISSUE OF GARMISCH TRAVEL WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY
AND EXPRESS STRONG DISPLEASURE AT THE FACT THAT THE
REFUSAL INVOLVED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TRAVELLING ON
OFFICIAL BUSINESS. MATLOCK

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